

Patent claims

1. Cervical intervertebral prosthesis with at least one cover plate (3, 4) to be connected to one of the two adjacent vertebral bodies (1, 2), and with a securing plate (12) which secures this cover plate (3, 4) and is to be fastened to the ventral surface of the vertebral body (1, 2), characterized in that the securing plate (12) is a separate part unconnected to the cover plate (3, 4).
2. Intervertebral prosthesis according to Claim 1, characterized in that the cover plate (3, 4) is provided with a limit stop surface (11) facing in the dorsal direction.
3. Intervertebral prosthesis according to Claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the securing plate, if appropriate with the fastening means provided for it, is biodegradable.
4. Intervertebral prosthesis according to one of Claims 1 to 3, characterized in that the securing plate is a circular disk.
5. Instrument for positioning a securing plate (12) which is to be fastened by means of fastening screws (13) to the ventral surface of a vertebral body (1, 2) in order to secure an intervertebral prosthesis (3, 4, 5), characterized in that it is formed by a drill gauge (20, 21) which is intended for the fastening screws (13) and which is connected to the prosthesis (3, 4, 5) or a prosthesis model or can be connected thereto in a predetermined relative position.